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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5044

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"AN ACT CONCERNING PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 Geographic Information Systems Council consisting of the following
5 members or their designees: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
6 and Management; (2) the Commissioners of Environmental Protection,
7 Economic and Community Development, Transportation, Public
8 Safety and Public Health; (3) the Chief Information Officer of the
9 Department of Information Technology; (4) one member appointed by
10 the president pro tempore of the Senate representing a municipality
11 with a population of more than sixty thousand; (5) one member
12 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate representing a regional

13 planning agency; (6) two members appointed by the Governor, one
14 representing a municipality with a population of less than sixty
15 thousand but more than thirty thousand and one who is a user of
16 geographic information systems; (7) one member appointed by the
17 speaker of the House of Representatives representing a municipality
18 with a population of less than thirty thousand; and (8) one member
19 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who
20 is a user of geographic information systems. The Secretary of the Office
21 of Policy and Management, or a designee, shall serve as chairperson of
22 the council and shall administer the affairs of the council, within
23 available appropriations. The Governor shall fill any vacancy by
24 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term vacated. Members
25 shall receive no compensation for their services on said council, but
26 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
27 performance of their duties. Said council shall hold one meeting each
28 month and such additional meetings as may be prescribed by council
29 rules. In addition, special meetings may be called by the chairperson or
30 by any three members upon delivery of forty-eight hours written
31 notice to each member.

32 (b) Within available appropriations, the council shall develop a plan
33 to establish a state-wide geographic information system database of
34 existing and proposed infrastructure and natural resources to assist in
35 making land use decisions. The database shall contain information on
36 (1) industrial sites, (2) brownfields and sites on the hazardous waste
37 disposal inventory maintained by the Commissioner of Environmental
38 Protection under section 22a-133c of the general statutes, (3)
39 infrastructures such as roadways, railways, airports, marine
40 transportation centers and water and sewer facilities, (4) natural
41 resources, including aquifers, (5) water resources such as wetlands and
42 water courses, (6) open space and agricultural or farm lands, and (7)
43 land used for residential and commercial development. Such database
44 capacity shall be designed to promote compatibility and coordination
45 of geographic information system data used by local, regional and
46 state government and the private sector. In establishing the database,

47 the council shall consult with state agencies, municipalities and other
48 users of geographic information system technology.

49 (c) The council shall administer a program of technical assistance to
50 regional planning agencies and municipalities to develop geographic
51 information systems.

52 (d) On or before January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the council
53 shall submit a report on activities under this section to the joint
54 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
55 matters relating to planning and development.

56 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years*
57 *commencing on or after October 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this section:

58 (1) "Vacant residential building" means a residential building that
59 has been unoccupied for more than one year; and

60 (2) "Municipality" means a municipality which is (A) economically
61 distressed within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p of the
62 general statutes, (B) a targeted investment community as defined in
63 section 32-222 of the general statutes, (C) classified as a public
64 investment community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of
65 subsection (a) of section 7-545 of the general statutes, or (D) classified
66 as an urban area in any plan adopted by the General Assembly
67 pursuant to section 16a-30 of the general statutes.

68 (b) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, adopt a
69 property tax ordinance that provides for a surcharge on the property
70 tax imposed on any parcel of real property on which is located a
71 vacant residential building. Such surcharge shall not exceed an amount
72 equal to three times the tax on the portion of the land on which the
73 vacant residential building is situated.

74 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of
75 Policy and Management, within available appropriations, shall
76 conduct a tax incidence study. The study shall include an analysis of

77 federal, state and local tax burdens of state taxpayers with different
 78 income levels in each municipality and assess how changes in local
 79 and state taxes would effect the tax liability of state taxpayers. The
 80 study shall be completed on or before July 1, 2005. The commission
 81 shall hold one or more public hearings in conducting its study.

82 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 15, 2005, the
 83 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with
 84 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Council on Soil
 85 and Water Conservation District, regional planning agencies, the
 86 Agricultural Extension Services of The University of Connecticut, the
 87 Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association and the
 88 Rural Development Council, shall prepare a report on land use
 89 training and education available to members of local land uses
 90 agencies. Such report shall include a survey of existing programs and
 91 their utilization and recommendations, if any, for enhancements and
 92 additions to such programs."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>